

## **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FAST LINK FAILOVER**

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### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**[0040]** A method and system for fast link failover is disclosed. According to one embodiment, a method is provided in which a failure of a first link between a network element and an upstream portion of a communications network is detected, and a second link or group of links between the network element and a downstream portion of the communications network is responsively disabled to maintain a communications channel between the downstream and upstream portions of the communications network.